GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme for development and protection of medicinal and aromatic plants is being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have provided interest free loans to the poor farmers for the said purpose;

(d) if so, the details of the procedure to be followed by the farmers to avail the benefit of the scheme;

(e) whether the Government have provided this facility at the district level; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture isimplementing a Central Sector Scheme on Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture Supplementation / Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plan.

(c) & (d) There is no provision of interest free loans to the poor farmers in the said scheme.

(e) & (f): The scheme of Macro Management in Agriculture provides flexibility to the States to prioritize as per the need.